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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$500.00.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
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